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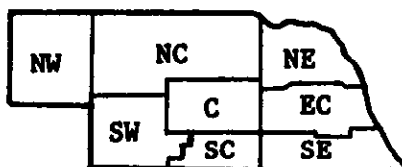
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WEATHER

Widespread rain and thundershowers occurred during the week with the first snowfall of the season in the western portion of the Panhandle. Precipitation amounts were light except for the east where one to two inches were common. Average temperatures ranged from nine degrees below normal in the north central up to three degrees above normal in the east.

GENERAL

Heavy rains in the east coupled with snow in the west brought a halt to fieldwork in most of Nebraska. Harvest activities were again delayed by the wet ground conditions and poor drying weather. Harvesting of silage and high moisture corn was active at midweek and the first fields of sugar beets were expected to be harvested last Friday. Dry edible bean harvest was nearing completion as was the final cutting of alfalfa in most areas. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 62% adequate, and 36% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 2% short, 91% adequate, and 7% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 31% short, 67% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 32% short and 68% adequate.

CROPS

The final rating given the 1982 corn crop was 15% fair, 75% good, and 10% excellent. Sixty-five percent of the crop was mature by last Sunday with 85% mature last year and 98% normal. Only 3% of the crop was harvested for grain, behind 15%

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last year and 25% normal. Reports of lodging and ear droppage were spreading as a result of damage done by stalk rot and corn borers.

Soybean crop conditions rated 1% poor, 18% fair, 76% good, and 5% excellent; this was the last rating for the season. Virtually all the crop was turning color compared to 100% last year and normal. Three-fourths was dropping leaves with 96% shedding last year and 97% normal. Only 7% of the crop acreage was harvested. Last year, soybean harvest had reached the halfway mark and 55% is normal. With harvest delayed by wet weather, concerns were growing over potentially large field losses.

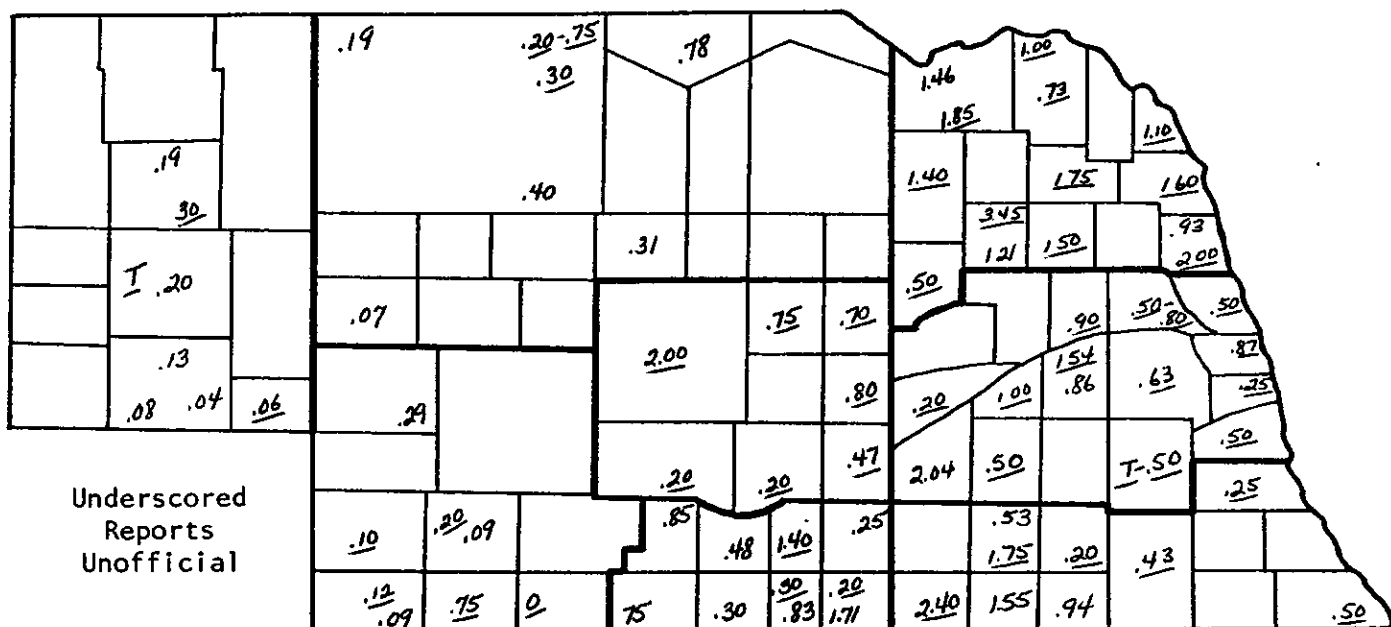
Sorghum crop conditions were much like soybeans and rated 1% poor, 19% fair, 75% good, and 5% excellent. Nearly all of the acreage was turning color, with 100% last year and normal. Thirty percent of the crop was ripe, far behind 80% mature last year and 94% normal. Harvesting for grain was 1% complete, with 10% combined last year and 35% normal.

Wheat seeding was virtually completed, same as normal. Eighty-five percent of the crop was emerged, just behind 90% last year.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range rated adequate; however, producers were having to wait much longer than normal for use of stalk fields. The cool, wet conditions stressed livestock with muddy feedlot conditions continuing.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1982

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Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	--	--	--	--	--
	Scottsbluff	81	29	47	-7	.58
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	73	26	45	-9	1.29
NE	Norfolk	83	26	56	-1	2.23
	Sioux City	82	37	57	0	--
CEN	Grand Island	85	42	53	-5	.56
EC	Lincoln	86	42	61	+2	.77
	Omaha	86	44	61	+3	.86
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	78	33	50	-5	1.36

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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